

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No: 14476.31.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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Berringer, et al.		)
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Serial No.	09/875,756	)
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Filed:	June 6, 2001	)
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For:	CREATING AND VERIFYING ELECTRONIC	)
	DOCUMENTS	)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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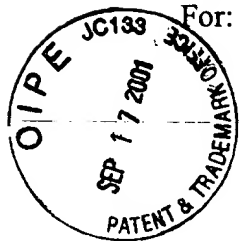
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_____ A1	6,209,095	03/27/01	Anderson, et al.	713	176	08/31/99
_____ A2	6,021,202	02/01/00	Anderson, et al.	380	25	12/19/97
_____ A3	6,016,484	01/18/00	Williams, et al.	705	39	04/26/96
_____ A4	5,956,404	09/21/99	Schneier, et al.	380	25	09/30/96
_____ A5	5,943,423	08/24/99	Muftic	380	25	12/15/95
_____ A6	5,905,800	05/18/99	Moskowitz, et al.	380	28	03/25/98
_____ A7	5,864,828	01/26/99	Atkins	705	36	08/27/91
_____ A8	5,748,738	05/05/98	Bisbee, et al.	380	25	09/15/95
_____ A9	5,724,523	03/03/98	Longfield	395	235	06/19/95
_____ A10	5,708,806	01/13/98	DeRose, et al.	395	615	06/07/95
_____ A11	5,677,955	10/14/97	Doggett, et al.	380	24	04/07/95
_____ A12	5,673,320	09/30/97	Ray, et al.	380	25	02/23/95
_____ A13	5,673,316	09/30/97	Auerbach, et al.	380	4	03/29/96
_____ A14	5,671,282	09/23/97	Wolff, et al.	380	25	01/23/95
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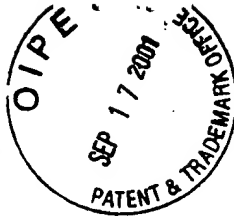
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_____ A18	5,530,755	06/25/96	Pailles, et al.	380	18	08/16/94
_____ A19	5,521,980	05/28/96	Brands	380	30	02/28/94
_____ A20	5,504,818	04/02/96	Okano	380	49	09/30/94
_____ A21	5,473,690	12/05/95	Grimonprez, et al.	380	24	10/25/93
_____ A22	5,465,299	11/07/95	Matsumoto, et al.	380	23	11/29/93
_____ A23	5,343,530	08/30/94	Viricel	380	23	08/27/92
_____ A24	5,326,959	07/05/94	Perazza	235	379	08/04/92
_____ A25	5,321,751	06/14/94	Ray, et al.	380	23	02/18/93
_____ A26	5,297,202	03/22/94	Kapp, et al.	380	9	11/20/92
_____ A27	5,283,829	02/01/94	Anderson	380	24	10/01/92
_____ A28	5,224,162	06/29/93	Okamoto, et al.	380	24	06/08/92
_____ A29	5,218,637	06/08/93	Angebaud, et al.	380	23	06/11/91
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_____ A31	5,187,351	02/16/351	Clary	235	379	02/24/92
_____ A32	4,823,264	04/18/89	Deming	364	408	05/27/86
_____ A33	4,423,287	12/27/83	Zeidler	178	22.08	06/26/81
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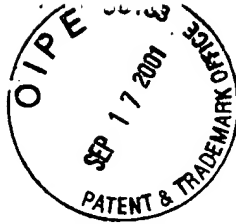
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_____ B1	WO 96/31965	10/10/96	PCT			Yes
_____ B2	EP 0542298	05/19/93	EPO			Yes

Other Documents

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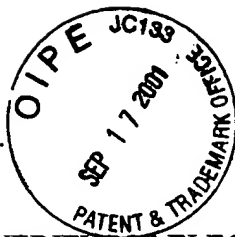
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**References Cited by Applicants**

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